

WAYNE COUNTY

PLANNING COMMISSION



ANNUAL REPORT

2020



Craig E. Rickard
Director of Planning



Wayne County Department of Planning/GIS

BOARD MEMBERS

William F. Troop, *Chairman*
Alfred K. Bucconear
Kurt Caruth
Kathy Enslin
Robert Flynn
Richard B. Henry
Alan J. Highhouse
Matthew Meagher
Peter Ridd

February 25, 2021

Wayne County Commissioners
Brian W. Smith, Chairman
Joseph W. Adams
Jocelyn Cramer

Dear Commissioners:

The Wayne County Planning/GIS Department is pleased to present to you the Wayne County Planning Commission 2020 Annual Report.

Act 247, the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code (PMPC), requires all planning agencies to prepare a written report annually to the governing body. We have traditionally used this opportunity not only to fulfill this State law requirement, but also to inform the public of planning topics and geographic information system (GIS) resources in Wayne County. The report also helps share information with our local governments for whom we are a resource in assisting them with their daily planning related tasks.

Throughout 2020, our office provided Geographic Information System (GIS) mapping support to various local governments, other County departments and the general public upon request. Our office is also responsible for the assigning and verification of physical 911 addresses, telephone updates and tax assessment parcel changes. In 2020, the County contracted with Woodland Design Associates, Inc. for the preparation of a Recreation, Parks and Natural Resources Plan through an awarded grant from the PA Department Conservation and Natural Resources. Municipal subdivision or zoning amendment reviews were also completed for Cherry Ridge, Clinton, Honesdale, Lehigh and Paupack Township.

During 2020, our office reviewed a total of 123 subdivision and land development applications. These applications resulted in the creation of 52 new lots and 112 lot additions (lot improvements). The largest total of these new lots occurred in Damascus with 10 new lots, South Canaan with five and Berlin and Salem with four each. Of the 112 lot additions, Damascus had a total of 29, Paupack had 16 and Berlin and Preston with 11 each. A total of eight land development applications were also reviewed. The 2020 County-wide subdivision activity can be viewed in detail starting on page seven of this report.

The Wayne County Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance covers Dyberry, Prompton, and South Canaan. The other 25 Wayne County municipalities have adopted their own ordinance and in those, the Planning Department's function is that of technical review and comment only, as required by the PMPC (Act 247).

This annual report is also available on the County's website (Planning/GIS link) at www.waynecountypa.gov.

We look forward to working with you during 2021.

Sincerely,

Craig E. Rickard
Planning Director

TABLE OF CONTENTS

Planning Commission Members and Staff

Planning Commission Members	1
Past Planning Commission Members	4
Department Staff Members	5

Subdivision Activity and Administration

2020 Municipal Application Reviews	7
2020 Total Applications by Municipality	8
2020 Total New Lots by Municipality	9
Applications and New Lots Created 2001-2020	10

County Topics

Wayne County Recreation, Parks & Natural Resources Plan	13
Wayne County GIS	14

Local Topics

Municipal Ordinance Reviews	19
Wayne County/Municipal Comprehensive Plan Consistency Reviews	21

State Topics

Wayne County Transportation Planning	25
Wayne County Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP)	26

Census 2020	29
Pennsylvania County & Municipal Census Information	30
Municipal Index	MI-1
Zoned Municipalities	Appendix A
Municipalities with Comprehensive Plans	Appendix B